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CARDIO VASCULAR PROSTHESES WITH A STABLE ENDOTHEMAL CELE SURFACE

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3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
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6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
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15. ☐ A substitute specification.
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18. ☒ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
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<X> Form PTO-1390

<X> Copy of the PCT application No. PCT/DE90/04102 as filed (13 pages of the specification and 1 drawing sheet)

<X> English Translation of PCT application No. PCT/DE90/04102 as filed (16 pages of the specification and 1 drawing sheet)

<X> Copy of the PCT application No. PCT/DE90/04102 as published, publication No. WO 00/37123, (11 pages and 1 drawing sheet)

<X> Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report (5 pages)

<X> Preliminary Amendment dated March 26, 2001 (3 pages)

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<X> Request to Accept Patent Application for Entering U.S. National Phase under 35 USC § 371

<X> Claim of Priority

<X> Form PTO-1449 <X> Copy of the International Search Report and references cited therein

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